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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Nobuhisa YODA *et al.*

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR  
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56 AND MPEP § 724**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitting proprietary information to the Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and MPEP § 724. Applicants respectfully request that the information be considered only by the Examiner in charge of the above-caption application, or other authorized Patent and Trademark Office employee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The following is a listing of a copending U.S. patent application which contains similar subject matter to the above-identified application.

Serial Number      Filing Date

09/456,014      December 7, 1999

Applicants consider the aforementioned document and the disclosure of its existence as a pending application to constitute proprietary information. Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (3), so that the applicants

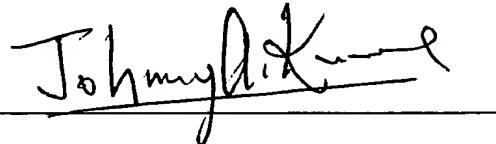
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can, if appropriate, subsequently file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) within three months of filing date of the application.

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of the listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

The submission herewith of any document is not intended as an admission either that such document constitutes competent prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicant does not waive the right to take appropriate action to antedate any document that does not constitute a statutory bar and that is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application, or to otherwise remove such a document as a competent reference.

**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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However, in the event that the Patent Office determines that a fee is due for the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENT**

Document A1 discloses an image processing system for processing a scanned image of an original. The image data is transferred from a local area network. An English translation of document A1 is not readily available; however, the absence of such a translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). An English language abstract is provided for document A1.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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